

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An inkjet printing device comprising:  
a plurality of printheads; and  
a plurality of servicing modules, each module comprising first and second sets of servicing components and being arranged to service exclusively a given printhead, said first set comprising a spittoon which is independently replaceable and wherein said ~~first or said~~ second set being is also independently replaceable.
2. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 1, wherein said independently replaceable second set of servicing components comprises a single ~~type of servicing component, such as a spittoon or cap or wiper.~~
3. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 1, wherein said independently replaceable second set of servicing components comprises two or more types of servicing component.
4. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 3, wherein said independently replaceable second set of servicing components is formed as an integral unit.
5. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 3, wherein said independently replaceable second set of servicing components is formed as a plurality of separate units.
6. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 3, wherein one of said independently replaceable ~~[[set]]~~ first and second of servicing components comprises; (a) a wiper component and a cap component; or, (b) a cap component and a spittoon component; or, (c) a spittoon component and a wiper component; or, (d) any one of a wiper component, or a cap component, or a spittoon component and a further servicing component.
7. (Original) A printing device according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second sets of servicing components are independently replaceable.

8. (Currently amended) A printing device according to claim 7, wherein ~~each of the first and second~~ sets of servicing components comprise at least one servicing component from the list of: a wiper component; a cap component; or, a spittoon component.

9. (Original) A printing device according to claim 1, further comprising at least a third set of servicing components.

10. (Original) A printing device according to claim 1, wherein said device further comprises a service station bay configured to mount said plurality of servicing modules, such that each of said plurality of servicing modules may be selectively removed.

11. (Original) An inkjet printing device comprising a removable servicing module arranged to service exclusively a given printhead, the module comprising a spittoon and one or more further servicing components, the spittoon being separately replaceable.

12. (Currently amended) A printing device comprising one or more removable servicing modules, each arranged to service exclusively a respective printhead, each of said one or more servicing modules comprising a plurality of servicing components, wherein a subset of said plurality of servicing components for each servicing module ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a spittoon which is separately replaceable.

13. (Currently amended) A method of servicing an inkjet printing device comprising a printhead and a servicing module arranged to service exclusively said printhead and comprising a first set of servicing components comprising a spittoon and a second set of servicing components, the method comprising the step of: replacing ~~[[one]]~~ the first set but not the other of said first and second sets of servicing components.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein said replacing step may be carried out substantially without disturbing the set of servicing components which is not replaced.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein said replacing step further comprises the step of replacing at least one hardcopy item such as a printhead, or an ink supply apparatus.

16. (Original) A kit for servicing an inkjet printer, said kit comprising: at least one hardcopy component; and at least one, but less than all, of the following servicing components: a wiper, a cap and a spittoon.

17. (Original) A kit according to claim 16, wherein said at least one hardcopy component comprises a printhead or an ink cartridge and each of said at least one servicing components is suitable for servicing said printhead or ink cartridge.

18. (Original) A kit for servicing an inkjet printer, said kit comprising: at least one hardcopy component such as a printhead, or an ink supply apparatus; and at least one servicing component, such as a wiper, a cap or a spittoon, suitable for use in a servicing module as defined in claim 1.

19. (Currently amended) A kit for servicing an inkjet printer, said printer comprising a printhead and being arranged to support a removable servicing module adapted to service said printhead exclusively, said module comprising first and second sets of servicing components, wherein said first set comprises a spittoon which is separately replaceable, said kit comprising one or more servicing components corresponding to said first set.

20. (Currently amended) A kit according to claim 19, ~~comprising a spittoon component, or~~ wherein the one or more servicing components comprises a wiper component, or a cap component.

21. (New) A printing device according to claim 1, wherein the spittoon has a spittoon chamber with a capacity which is smaller than normal and configured such that the spittoon is easy to handle during replacement.

22. (New) A printing device according to claim 21, wherein the volume of the spittoon chamber is about 40 ml.

23. (New) A method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of configuring the spittoon to have a spittoon chamber having a volume that is smaller than conventional spittoons and thus is configured so that the spittoon is easily manipulated when full.

24. (New) A method according to claim 22, comprising configuring the volume of the spittoon chamber to be approximately 40 ml.